

**Gresham Butte Neighborhood Association**  
**Minutes**  
**September 13, 2010**  
**7:00 to 8:30 pm**

30 people in attendance

President Mads Ledet called the meeting to order.

**Introductions:**

We had one new person introduce her self at the meeting

**Reports:**

Secretary: Bonnie Mitchell was appointed Secretary until a permanent Secretary could be found. Minutes for May and June were approved

**Treasurer:**

The balance in the GBNA account is \$207.45.

**Land use chair:**

Nothing new to report

**Next meeting:**

October meeting we will hear from the Parks Department

November meeting we will be hearing about "The Community Effect" program

**Presentations:**

Darryl Godsby, Senior Rental Housing Inspector, spoke about the rental housing program. In December of 2007 the city mandated a

program that requires all rentals in the City of Gresham to be inspected inside and out to make sure that they were being maintained. There is a random selection for inspection and a notice goes out to the property 21 days before hand. You must have a license to rent your property in Gresham. Since the program started over 860 units have been inspected and corrections have been made. Asked if goals were being reached Darryl commented that they are, and they are seeing better-maintained properties. Asked about the eviction process, Darryl said that that is a civil issue and his department did not get involved in those.

Eric Schmidt, the Community Development Director, also spoke about the Broken Window Task Force that was started in 2009. Eric reported that with so many homes in foreclosure and or abandoned, broken windows have become a safety issue. Once one window is broken on one of these homes chances are others will be broken at that same home. Transients were found to be living in some of these homes. Eric's department works with homeowners and or the Banks to get the windows fixed and that they have a 75% closure rate. When neither of those works the City will go in and board up the broken windows and bill the owner. The task force meets twice a month to decide what properties need to be addressed. The Chief of Police, Fire Chief and other City Officials visit approximately 4 properties a month to inspect and give their input about code compliance at those properties.